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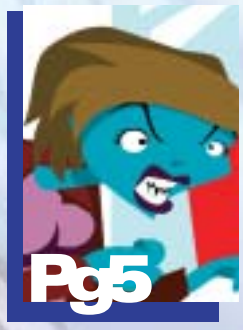

QUEER News

Dismissed acrobat reprises Cirque protest, with help

CBC News Online

(SAN FRANCISCO) Protesters demonstrated against the Cirque du Soleil Thursday evening in support of the HIV-positive gymnast fired by the company earlier this year.

The picket in support of gymnast Matthew Cusick took place outside the San Francisco Giants baseball stadium, where the Cirque is performing this month. It was the first against the Montreal-based company since Cusick filed a federal employment discrimination complaint last July, but it may not be the last.

Depending on the response, similar protests may be staged at Cirque touring shows in other cities, said Michael Adams, a representative of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, which filed the complaint on Cusick's behalf.

While the group is not calling for a boycott against the Cirque, it hopes to pressure organizers into changing its policies on HIV-positive performers by appealing directly to ticket-holders, Adams said.

Former U.S. figure skating champion Rudy Galindo, who is also HIV-positive, has joined the lobby against the Cirque, along with Olympic divers David Picheler and Patrick Jeffrey.

"My sincere hope and prayer is that Cirque du Soleil reconsider their grossly unfair and heartless decision, and that they reinstate Mr. Cusick immediately," Galindo said in a statement, adding that his own experience performing and touring since being diagnosed with HIV made him Cusick's "natural ally."

When gymnast Matthew Cusick was hired by the Cirque in July 2002, he informed company officials of his HIV status. After Cirque doctors determined it was safe for him to perform, Cusick began months of training, only to be fired shortly before his debut in one of the company's Las Vegas shows.

A Cirque spokesperson cited the risk Cusick's HIV status allegedly posed to other performers as the reason for the dismissal, but denied that the company discriminates against HIV-positive employees.

The Cirque has also said that Cusick is eligible for other jobs that require less direct physical contact.

Cusick's complaint is still pending before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. ▽

City stripped of Gay Games

Plan rejected. Local organizers vow they'll press on without official sanction or name

KINDA JAYOUSH
The Gazette

A huge athletics event for gays will be held in Montreal in 2006 - but it won't officially be the Gay Games.

The Federation of Gay Games, which licenses the event, rejected Montreal's plans to hold the games under its logo, the local organizing group said yesterday. Montreal 2006, the group organizing the event, said two years of negotiations with the federation reached an impasse over financing and the number of athletes who would take part. Montreal had been chosen in 2001 to hold the 2006 games.

"It is very disappointing," said Mark Tewksbury, a former Canadian Olympic swimming gold medallist and co-president of Montreal 2006 organizing committee.

"But, I am very excited that Montreal will still host gay games in 2006, regardless of the federation's decision," he said at a news conference at city hall..

"They have lost trust because they had deficits in games in the past. Now they want complete control.

A statement by Montreal 2006 said the federation asked organizers to reduce their original plan for 24,000 participants to 10,000, and cut their budget to $10 million from $20 million. Montreal 2006 suggested 16,000 participants and a $16-million budget. Roberto Montaci, co-president of the Federation of Gay Games, criticized the Montreal committee, said the figure of 16,000 participants was accepted.

"The Montreal 2006 offer did not give us guarantees that the image and brand of the Gay Games would be protected," Montaci said from Chicago.

Asked whether the federation would hold Gay Games elsewhere in 2006 at the same time as Montreal's games, Richard Hogan, the federation's vice- president, said the board is discussing a contingency plan to select a new city. ▽

Psychologists Support Same-Sex Marriage

by Ben Thompson
365Gay.com Newscenter
Ottawa Bureau

(Ottawa) The Canadian Psychological Association Monday announced its support for same-sex marriage. The endorsement from the group, which represents 5,300 psychologists and students across Canada, will likely be a key piece of evidence when the Supreme Court of Canada considers a federal bill that would extend gay marriage across the country. The CPA said that studies show children raised by gay parents are not worse off psychologically or more prone to be gay themselves.

"All children deserve to feel that society accepts and recognizes their families," said Dr. Patrick O'Neill, association president. "Children of same-sex couples are no exception."

Courts in Ontario and British Columbia have struck down the federal ban on gay marriage, allowing same-sex couples to marry in those provinces. Federal legislation to make it universal is awaiting a constitutional evaluation by the Supreme Court, expected in the spring of 2004.

The CPA statement directly refutes a 12 page condemnation of gay marriage by the Roman Catholic Church that was released by the Vatican last summer.

"Allowing children to be adopted by persons living in such unions would actually mean doing violence to these children, in the sense that their condition of dependency would be used to place them in an environment that is not conducive to their full human development," it said.

Another group opposed to same-sex marriage, the Canadian wing of Focus on the Family, dismissed the CPA statement.

FOC spokesperson Derek Rogusky accused the CPA of caving in to the homosexual lobby.

"The reality is that the research right now on same-sex parenting is very limited," said Rogusky.

"I think it's really unfortunate that a scientific organization would become so politicized. . . . What the CPA should be doing is promoting better research in this area, not coming down on one side." ▽

FRESH NEUROSIS

by Rob Browatzke

As the holidays approach, it has occurred to me, as it does every year, how much I hate this time of year. Oh, it's not just the cold and the snow. In fact, what's more romantic than sitting with someone you love, having dinner by candlelight, while snow is falling ever so fluffily outside? No, it's not the weather that makes me dread this annual festive period. Nor is it the commercialization so often condemned by, well, everyone other than Disney and Hallmark I suppose. No, what it is, is the knowledge that for at least 24 hours, I shall be forced to vacate Oz and return to Kansas.

Seasonal sentiment renders it mandatory that some chunk of holiday time must be spent with family. Now don't get me wrong. There are so many people, especially in our community, who don't have the option of spending the holiday with their families, and so I would never go so far as to ignore that underneath the aching head and churning stomach, I don't still love them. After the proverbial dust has settled and the turkey's half-devoured carcass lies alone on the table, family is family, love is love, and blah blah blah bah humbug, it's still culture-shock sometimes, after almost 12 months of Barbra, Bette, and Judy to come face to face with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir belting out Silent Night as a fire blazes brightly on TV.

"...family is family, love is love, and blah blah blah bah humbug..."

What else was I to talk about in this Snow Issue other than the holidays? For those of you who expected a cocaine rant, either for or against, I am sorry to disappoint, but sometimes it does seem like substance use of one form or another is the only way to make it through those grueling hours of aunts and uncles you don't like and cousins you have nothing in common with. And yet, you don't want to make an excuse and leave early because underneath it all, you do love them and you know, even though you don't say it aloud, that who knows how many Christmases will you all be able to be together.

Instead, you focus on the amazing sex from the night before or your party plans for New Years. You plaster the smile on your face. You keep the conversation friendly, festive, and fake. You laugh at the joke your uncle tells every Christmas. You smirk at the teenage cousins trying to sneak outside for a few puffs of a much-needed cigarette. You shake your head in silence as everyone's favorite aunt finishes glass six of brandy and passes out in the pumpkin pie (okay, that one never happened). It's only one day after all, not too much to ask at a time of year for goodwill to all, and you know that tomorrow (heck even later that same night), it can be back to the bar as per usual.

Until the one year that someone is gone. Though the funeral was maybe months ago, there's a noticeable absence. The chair momentarily empty seems too poignant a reminder. The favorite dish on the table, too much now with one less mouth, is the cause for levity bordering on tears. It's then, when you look around the room of relatives you dread to see, that you realize what the holidays are all about. It's not a materialistic gift-exchange. It's not even a religious birth of a Messiah. It's about connection. It's about valuing connections of name and of blood, of shared history and future strength. In an isolating age, those bonds become even more important.

"Instead, you focus on the amazing sex from the night before"

As you fight your way through throngs of holiday shoppers, as you drive through a snowstorm en route home with your head pounding from last night's Christmas Eve festivities, as you glance at your watch wondering how much longer you have to stay, remember. That's what Christmas is. Connection. ▽

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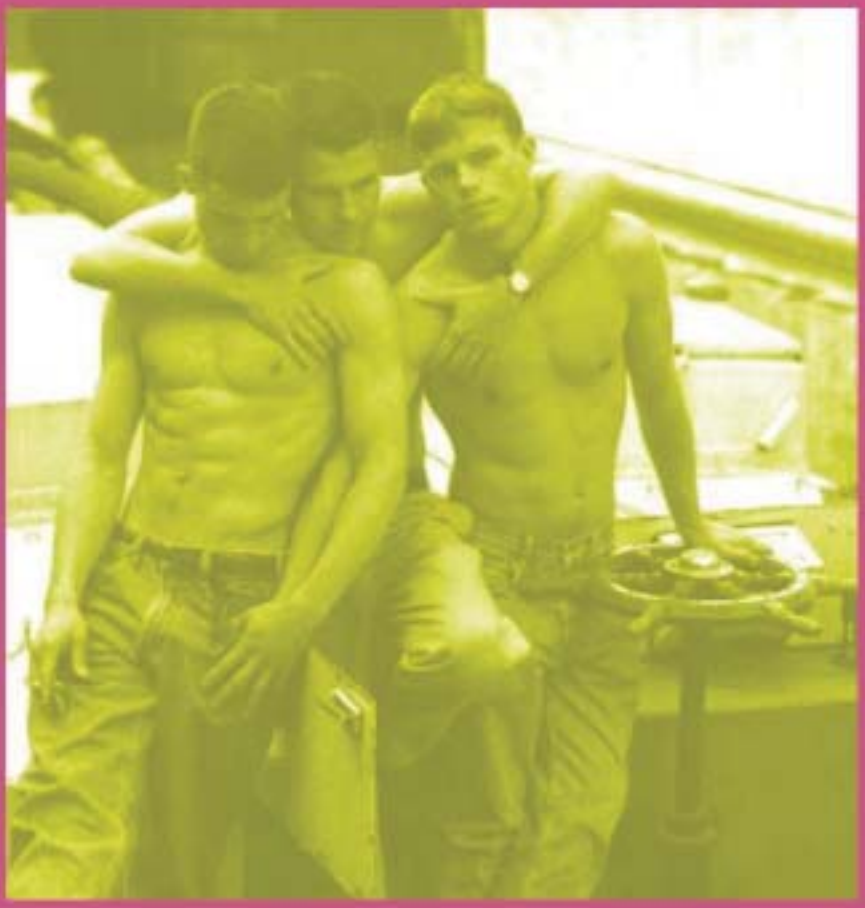

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THE INTIMATE EXPERIANCE

Justin vs Jen

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Attractiveness is a rather subjective concept, but somehow there seem to be some universal attributes that make some of us hot, and some of us, well…not. Even though I do understand this, I find it odd at best. As with most human beings, I am somewhat fascinated by the way other people see me. But it is interesting to note how much the feedback I receive changes depending on the source.

"Growing up I think I kind of always felt like the ugly duckling"

Growing up I think I kind of always felt like the ugly duckling. This is probably massively melodramatic on my part, but I had some valid reasons to feel this way. I did not fit the normative mold of what it means to be a beautiful woman. Consequently, I had a lot of negative messages from my peers about the way I looked. And as a young queer this affected me, because the message I got was to be myself, which was to be deemed unattractive. What I never considered in those challenging formative years was that the messages I was receiving were coming mainly from heterosexual men.

Much of this changed dramatically for me once I entered the queer community. All of a sudden I had a select group of people telling me I was hot, and that was difficult to understand at first. But with time I've come to realise that to those that don't try to fit me in a box I am attractive. And that has led me to a place where I can comfortably be on a cover a magazine with melons over my breasts and be okay with that. But from time to time I still wonder how people outside my queer bubble really see me.

Out of perverse curiosity I decided to conduct an informal experiment of sorts, and the results were tragically shocking. I posted a picture of myself in drag (Justin Licks) and a picture of myself out of drag on an Internet rating site called "hot or not." The score that you receive is on a scale of 1-10. 10 being hubba hubba hot, and 1 being dear god you must have a better picture than that to post. Looking strictly at numbers thus far Jen has a 6, and Justin an 8.4. On some level I find this deeply disturbing, but I suppose I am also flattered that my alter ego is that easy on the eyes. But the bottom line for me is that I am not really Jen or Justin. I am both. I am a woman, but I am also androgynous. Because of this perhaps it takes an open-minded person to find me attractive. As with many other lesbians my sexual appeal is lost on most straight men. And I am more than sure that the straight men visiting the site are what lowered my score. After all it is, more often than not, men rating the pictures of women.

I am sure Jen would test much better than Justin among lesbians. However, I don't need a rating system to tell me that I am above average in the world of lesbian attractiveness. Overall this experience was more humorous than it was ego shattering or disturbing. It just reminds me that we have a long way to go in opening people's eyes to the complexity of gender and sexuality. But as long as the women are digging on me I'll be okay! ▽

Fruit Fly

by Jeannie Marie

The other day one of my friends called me a fag hag. I was a little peeved. I always find the term offensive because it implies that the only reason I associate with my friends who are gay is because they are homosexual and that I could care less what type of person they really are. This is so not true. It did get me thinking, however, that maybe there is something to the stereotype of gay men and straight women getting along so well. I mean, after all, most stereotypes have some basis in reality, right? So I decided to sit down and come up with a top ten list of why I like having friends who are gay. I'll warn you that some of the answers are a bit stereotypical but thankfully this is the worst that you'll ever read from me. So, without further ado, here's what I came up with:

1)No sexual tension
2)You can talk about your boyfriends
3)Gay men give great advice on what men want and why men act the way they do without thinking that you're hitting on them (refer to #1)
4)Similar interests - hair, clothes, decorating, cultural events.. and did I mention men?
5)I've been introduced to a whole new subculture which gives me a different perspective on the world
6)I get the best of both worlds - the sensitivity usually reserved for women combined with advice from a male perspective
7)I'm now more open-minded about my own sexuality
8)No belching, farting, crotch scratching or any other disgusting, typically male habits
9)Clothing is optional (again refer to #1)
10) Great to cuddle with (which again brings us back to the infamous #1)

So after all that did I learn any new insights into life? No, not really. What I did get from it though was a chance to reminisce and to reaffirm that I love my friends - gay or straight. We've been through a lot. I've learned, I've loved, I've laughed, I've cried and most important of all they have helped me to become the person that I am.

So that was the way that I saw things this month. Tune in another issue for more rambling on my adventures as a straight girl in a gay world.

Kisses to all,
Jeannie Marie

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Outrage or Indifference? Transgender Violence/Silence

As a member of Edmonton's GLBT community (I'm a B and T), I am outraged at the clear message of indifference and disregard I received last night. It was Edmonton's first recognition of the Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR), acknowledged annually on November 20 for the past 5 years in 9 countries around the world. Our TDOR had 11 attendees. We read the names of 304 documented transgender-related murder victims. One victim, James Jerome Mack, was beaten with beer bottles, sexually assaulted with a broom handle, strangled with an electrical cord and then drowned in a bathtub. His body was later set on fire in a trash can behind a church. Although Mr. Mack was not himself transgendered, he was murdered for being the lover of a transgendered woman. Where was the outrage, the community, the grief for this victim of hatred? So many people attended Edmonton's vigil for Matthew Shepard, but so few attended last night's vigil to recognize 304 transgender-related murder victims. The silence is deafening.

"It was Edmonton's first recognition of the Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR), acknowledged annually on November 20 for the past 5 years in 9 countries around the world."

photograph by:Justice Wilson

These shoes were used as a visual display of the hundreds of victims of transgender violence

My partner, Mickey Wilson, spoke at last night's TDOR vigil: "When Matthew Shepard died people all over the world talked and debated. There was the kind of periodic soul-searching society goes through whenever a crime of hate startles us into awareness….

…But when Shelby Tracey Tom was found murdered and dumped in a shopping cart, behind a North Vancouver Laundromat, I never heard a word in the media. There was no public outrage and grief, no-one spoke out, no talking, no debate. Such is the case with most transgender related murders, even though the level of violence often rivals the violence of Matthew Shepard's murder. While I would never minimize the terrible tragedy of Matthew's murder or any other life that ended suddenly and violently, I would like to invite us all to consider these deaths in another way. I would like us to consider them through the silence of their deaths, the silence that ultimately killed them as surely as the violence they endured.

photograph by:Justice Wilson

Some of the particpants in Edmonton's first Transgender Day of Rememberance

Silence killed them. Ignorance killed them. Hate killed them…The silence of the majority of everyday citizens who shift uncomfortably when confronted by the thought that gender variant people may be no different from themselves, save for the fact that they are walking targets for bigotry, disrespect, cheap humour and, apparently, of murder.

Crimes of hate may live in shouts of rage, but they are born in silence...

…The hearts of the innocent ceased to beat. Hear the silence of that awful truth. It is the silence of death. It is the silence that descends on us like a shroud. Here in Edmonton, even in the queer community where so many transgendered people come for refuge as they journey, we are men and women surrounded by the silence of our own fear. Our fear of those who are different. Our fear of being identified with the scapegoat. Our fear of taking an unpopular position for the sake of those who cannot stand alone. Our fear of change. Our fear comes in many forms but it always comes silently: A whispered joke. A glance to look away from the truth. A quick shake of the head to deny any complicity in the pain of others…▽

Let's Talk About S&M

by Heather Levie

This month I'd like to discuss a lesser known aspect of S/M play: Ice play.

Now you may not think ice is such a big deal when talking about S & M play but if you think about it, ice can be both fun & entertaining. I say entertaining because its always entertaining to watch someone writhe under your nimble (if a bit numb) fingers as you apply an ice cube to tender parts of their anatomy. Heh as you may have guessed, this months column will describe or at least attempt to illustrate, some ideas for using ice in your play activities. As always play safe & consensually...Sane is optional. *Just kidding!*

For starters you can always try the tried & true method of ice play: Grab an ice cube or put a bunch into a bucket if you prefer. Lay your submissive or play partner out on a bed with a disposable sheet or other covering underneath them. Proceed to rub ice all over their body & watch em squirm. For added fun, tie them up (learn to tie proper knots & such beforehand so you don't hurt your play partner).

Years ago, an ex-g/f I had owned an ice tray that made spheres of ice instead of hte traditional ice cubes. They were great during sex because I could put one in my mouth & well go to town so to speak on her body all over. It was great fun & oral sex became novel again with some practice. So if you're stuck for ideas or have no serious interest in pain or are jsut into sensual play, this is a great way to start a lovemaking session. Heck it can even be a precursor to other things to do with ice.

If you're feeling sadistic (or masochistic if you're receiving) you can always take cubes (a few at a time) and lay them out in strategic spots on someone (or have this done on you) and let them sit there a few minutes. It becomes painful after a while, but not hurtful... Do not let them stay more than 5-10 mins at most on any one spot though or frostbite may set in. This is especially true ifyou use a bag of ice as in an icepack. Those should not sit more than 5 minutes on any one spot.

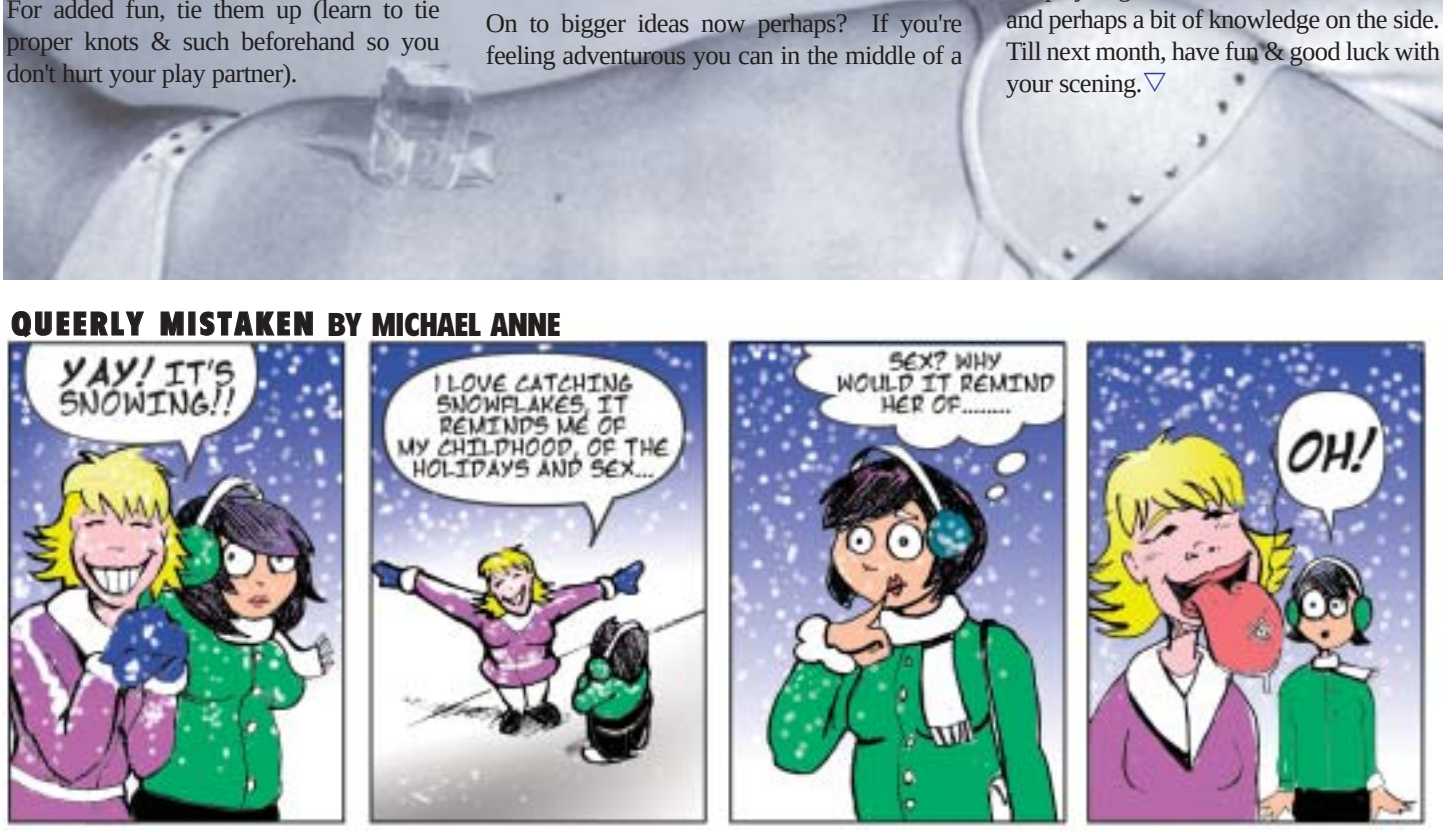
" Proceed to rub ice all over their body & watch em squirm. For added fun, tie them up"

On to bigger ideas now perhaps? If you're feeling adventurous you can in the middle of a scene pull a chain out of a bucket of ice & lay it on your submissives bits & bobs & watch the fun. This is really fun after a flogging or in the middle of a scene where pains involved. Want to ramp up the pain? Lay something cold on the spot your were making hurt earlier. I guarantee that if they don't at least scream they will certainly feel every single cell at that point in their body. If you prefer to be more "hands on" stick a hand into an ice bucket a moment, once its wet & cold, spank your little toy hard or medium strength. Water on a hand makes a louder "Smack!" sound & hurts more (I think) due to the friction that is caused by the water between your skin & theirs.

I have heard of people who use snow as well as ice in their play but I have no experience with this so I shall only pass on that I know you can use it. I am sure if you are imaginative enough you can come up with wonderful ideas for snow.

Finally if you choose to try something with ice involved remember that ice can still hurt you. I mentioned frostbite but there is also the possibility you can swallow it & choke on it if you insert it into someones mouth and have them perform oral sex on you. There are other ways to harm someone even with something as innocent as ice. So play safe please!

I hope you got some ideas out of this article and perhaps a bit of knowledge on the side. Till next month, have fun & good luck with your scening. ▽

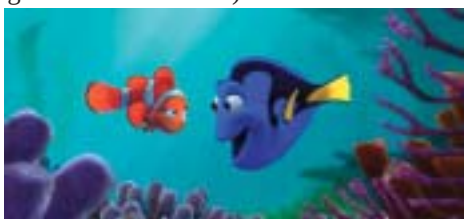


DVD review

Finding Nemo (2003)

by Pepper

Well the holidays are sneaking back again with tacky horns-a-blarin. Now I'm the first to fight the Noel fever but it is good advice to get ahead. Any movie lover on your list would be thrilled to find Pixar's "Finding Nemo" under the wrap. With Disney collaboration, they have created true magic in an hour and a half, even if you're not a fan of animation and you're scared of being trapped into a viewing. This visual masterpiece looks more life-like than the reef itself. The quick witted adventurous script rips out punch line after amusing character to connect to any age group (hint, for those with large multi-aged familys trapped in undisclosed scenic location, this will induce silence for a while). But I would suggest getting it NOW because it's selling fast. And you don't wanna be the last one to learn whale (don't worry you'll get it after the movie)▽



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by Neil Mathew Salsbury

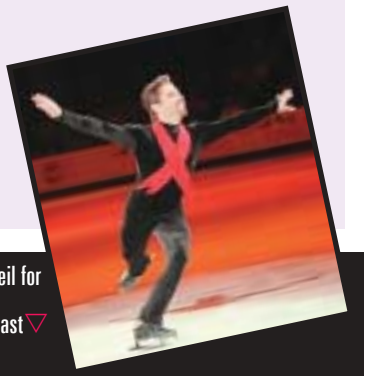
In the Mood

Need something to get you in the mood? Christmas mood that is. Too often the commercialism and Christmas chaos interfere with the enjoyment to be had. Well here are my top entertainment picks for the holiday season.

"A Wonderful Life" Best bet of the season – an encore presentation by ELOPE. Edmonton crowds flocked to it last year and they will again this year so get your tickets fast. Many of the same actors are back again this year and with them joins Sharon Richardson, who turned heads in 'Blood Brothers' at Walterdale Playhouse this summer. And with Randy Mueller in charge of music, we are in for a treat. Kaasa Theatre. December 4 -6, 11- 13, Tickets: $15-20

"Handel's Messiah" Music is essential to Christmas and its the ultimate to revive the holiday spirit. The Winspear Centre has a few different holiday specials starting at the beginning of December. The main attraction is the Messiah – which I have personally attended three times. It's a great mood lifter. Winspear Centre. December 19-20. Tickets: $15-65

"A Christmas Carol" Beginning to become a holiday tradition in Edmonton, if you haven't already seen it, it is worth checking out. The Citadel knows crowds will come and do charge more for the show. Call ahead to see if tickets are still available, then go an hour before showtime and try to get rush tix. Maclab Theatre. November 29-December 24. Tickets: $30-99▽



Mini-Profile

Rudy Galindo

With a stunning upset victory in 1996 Rudy Galindo became the first openly gay man and the first Mexican-American to win the United States figure skating championship. Now after completing his book *Icebreaker: the Autobiography of Rudy Galindo* and becoming Honorary Co-Chairman of the National Minority AIDS Council and spokesperson for NMAC's campaign against HIV-related anemia, Rudy is in the news again.
He one of many gay sportsman actively protesting Canada's own Cirque du Soleil for firing an HIV positive gymnast▽

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Edmonton Queer Community Group Listings

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http://www.ualberta.ca/~cied/eps/AgapeVerdana.htm

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A group of hairy Gay or Bisexual guys who get together every Saturday night for late-night swimming (at a local public pool) and snacks afterwards, and the occasional group-coffee or movie event.
http://altbears.8k.com

Bisexual Support Group
Meets at 7:30 PM on the last Wednesday of every month at GLCCE
Call 488-3234 for more information
E-mail:
bipride@telus.net

Buck Naked Boys Club of Edmonton
A social men's club for the enjoyment of naturism - being naked at a social, non-sexual monthly meetings. We meet on the second Saturday of each month and our now been getting together for 7 years.
bnbc4@interbaun.com
clubweb.interbaun.com/fdicker/BNBC.htm

CAANS
Serves the David Thompson Health Region from Drumheller to Drayton Valley, Nordegg to the Saskatchewan border. We are serving a population of over 287,000. Our Mission: Fostering healthy responses
to HIV and related issues, through support, education and research.
Toll free:1-877-346-8858
www.mycommunity-information.com/caans

Edmonton Rainbow Business Association
Gay Men and Lesbians and our non-gay friends in business. Network in a positive proud space where being yourself is the norm.
Memberships $25.00/year
Contact Bill Faulkner at 422-6207

GLCCE
Gay and Lesbian Community Centre
Providing resources, referrals and support about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues.
#45, 9912-106 Street, Edmonton, AB. (780)488-3234
www.edmc.net/glcce
Open Monday-Friday Office Hours 1:30-5:30 and Drop-In 7-10pm

HIV Edmonton
New address
105, 10550 - 102 Street
Edmonton, AB
T5H 2T3
mail@hivedmonton.com (all general email, specific will be forwarded to appropriate staff)
www.hivedmonton.com

The purpose of the HIV Network of Edmonton Society's, serving Edmonton and its regions, is to educate, provide support to and advocate on behalf of those infected and affected by HIV and related conditions and to engage in health promotion and harm reduction with all populations.

Illusions Social Club
A social club for Crossdresser, trans-sexuals and their supporters. For more information, write to Illusions Social Club Box 356 Main Post Office Edmonton AB T5J 2J6 Phone: 424-2685

ISCWR
Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose
For 27 years, the Court has been here to fundraise for charities and local organizations. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of the Month at the Garage at 8:30 PM. Email the court at wildrosecourt@yahoo.com and visit us online at www.geocities.com/wildrosecourt

Lambda Listing:
Lambda Christian Community Church
Providing a safe and healing space for Edmonton's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and trans-gendered Christians and their friends.
Worship Service Sunday 7pm
11148-84 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T6G 0V8
(780) 474-0753
lambdachurch@shaw.ca

Living Positive
Living Positive is a coalition of persons with HIV infection providing tangible peer social support.
Suite100 10550-102 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5H 2T3
(780) 488-5768
www.telusplanet.net/public/livepos

Making Waves Swim Club
(MWSC) is open to all who are interested in lane swimming in a Masters club, we provide coaching to all levels of swimmers. Drop in gives you flexibility to match your schedule.
We swim at:
Bonnie Doon Leisure Centre, 8648-81 Street
Edmonton from Sept. to June
makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com
www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm

Northern Chaps
Northern Chaps,
P O Box 74042,
Peppertree RPO,
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2S7

Northern Chaps is Edmonton's Original leather, latex, fetish and uniform club founded in February 1984 and is based in Edmonton, Alberta.

Everyone is welcome to join!

Northern Chaps is not a sex club. Our mission is to provide our members with a safe environment to learn more about the leather, latex, fetish and uniform lifestyles and to meet others with similar interests.

Visit us, in person, the first and third Saturday of every month starting at 10PM at Buddy's Nite Club (11725B Jasper Avenue).

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Youth Understanding Youth

is a facilitated volunteer social/support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth under the age of 25. We strive to create a safe and confidential space in which youth can explore and express their interests and needs in an atmosphere where they can expect to be supported and respected for their contributions and unique individual differences. The group operates using guidelines that respect the equality, uniqueness, identity, and integrity of each group member.

Youth Understanding Youth meets every Saturday from 7-9PM at the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton.

Please visit our website for meeting details, photos, educational resources, and our brand new (very cool) poster for community groups and schools!
http://members.shaw.ca/yuy
Drop us an email at yuy@shaw.ca

YUY is currently working on The Laramie Project @ The Citadel - A special Fundraising Benefit Performance for Youth Understanding Youth - Saturday, Nov. 29th @ 8pm

OUTreach
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GBLT-Q Group
Box 75 SUB
U of A
Edmonton, AB
T6J 4J7

www.ualberta.ca/~outreach

outreach@ualberta.ca

An academic atmosphere for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered and queer friendly youth, students, staff, faculty and community. We meet every tuesday during the school year @ 5pm at Athebasca Hall with coffee every tuesday after (even in summer).

Pride Squad
Edmonton is one of North America's community-based cheer squads for queer folks and their supporters. It is an acrobatic Cheer Team for anyone who is bi-sexual, gay, or lesbain. Some of the functions are fund-raising and just simply doing some cheer work for in and around the community.

Tel: (780) 708-1649 edm_pride_squad@hotmail.com Web-site: http://www.geocities.com/pridesquadedm

Police Liaison Committee
Promotes understanding between the Edmonton City Police and the GLBT community. (780) 488-3234, (780)421-2277
fdicker4@compusmart.ab.ca

Sunday Evening Discussion Group
A facilitated discussion group for men of all ages. Enjoy the commradry and support of discussion of any subject that effects our queer community. Every Sunday evening at 7 pm at GLCCE #45, 9912-106 st, Edmonton. (780) 488-3234
fdicker4@compusmart.ab.ca

True Spirit North
TS/TG Support Group
Mixed gender group that provides support and education for trans-identified people.Meets on the last Tuesday of every month from 7:30-9:30 PM at GLCCE (Gay & Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton), Suite 45, 9912-106 St. NW Edmonton, AB
truespiritnorth@shaw.ca

Womonspace
womonspace is a publication of the Womonspace Social and Recreational Society of Edonton, a non-profit volunteer organization. Our puropose is to inform and entertain our members and other interested lesbians.

Womonspace Social and Recreational Society
Phone: (780) 482-1794
Box 128, Main PO
Edmonton, AB
T5J 3J4

Visit our website at
www.gaycanada.com/womonspace/

Youth Understanding Youth
Come and join us every Saturday

from 7:00-9:00pm at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Edmonton, #45,9912-106st Edmonton, Alberta.

The mission of Youth understanding Youth is to provide a warm and friendly place where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, straight, and questioning youth, who are under the age of 25, can gather together to have fun and learn about themselves and others in a safe, supportive and caring environment.

members.shaw.ca/yuy

Do you have a community group for the Queer Listings or a location for Gay Edmonton Downtown? Email us the up to date info at
main@freshmagazine.ca

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2 Down Under Bath house
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7 Boots Bar
8 Garage Restaurant
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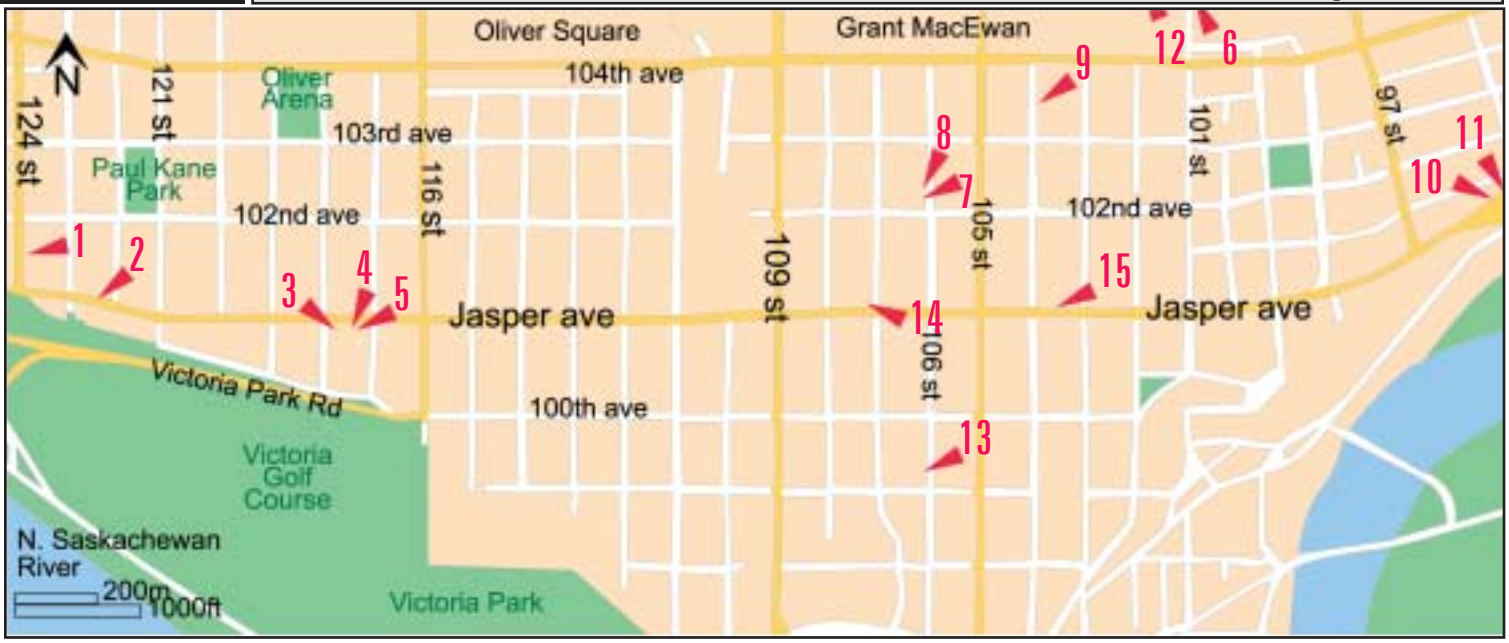

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tracks review

Wayne G featuring Stewart Who? - Twisted *(It's Fabulous!)*

by dj ssquared

"Excuse me, do you fuck as well as you dance..." and so it begins. Wayne G is one of the UK's most prominent gay Djs. Holding down a residency at Heaven in London, and traveling all over the world, he teamed up with Stewart Who? In 1997 and released one of hard house's most influential and gay culture's most notorious dancefloor tracks. The original alone ignited gay clubs worldwide and received remix treatment from house legend Danny Tenaglia among others. Only six years later has hard beat guru Nick Sentience picked it up and reworked it, bringing it up to date. While the remix is nothing short of amazing, the original still sounds as consistent as it did in the late 90's.▽

review

UNKLE - Never Never Land *(Mo Wax/Universal)*

by Sheldon L'henaff

Richard File and James Lavelle make up the duo known as **UNKLE**. For the past few years they have been expanding the sonic horizon, drawing an array of well known music icons in with them. 1998's Psyence Fiction was both a healthy mix of sound and vision from the leftfield. This time, their latest effort Never Never Land has taken the pair's music and message further, creating an uneven tapestry of music that is as varied as is dark. With the first track "***Back and Forth***" leading into ***"Eye For an Eye"***, Never Never Land jumps between breakbeats, killer drum and bass, floaty trance and deathly chill- out. This time Josh Homme of Queens of The Stone Age lends his voice on "***Safe In Mind***", while Ian Brown, formerly of UK darlings The Stone Roses lets his vocals wrap around "***Reign***". Other guests include 3D of Massive Attack as well as Jarvis Cocker, another Britpop icon from the band Pulp. "***Inside***" as well as '***What Are You To Me?***" and "***In a State***" all come across hauntingly paranoid, yet disturbingly beautiful. While **UNKLE**'s agenda may not be for everyone but the die hard electronica fiends, Never Never Land is without a doubt a unique album as is it uneven, and definitely worth a listen.▽

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